

REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 27, 2007, the Assignee submits the appended amendments and following remarks. Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Knutson *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,563,862) in view of Sugawara *et al.* (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0181797). Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Knutson in view of Sugawara and Ben-Efraim, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,563). The final Office Action objected to claim 2 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 is amended by the present response to include the elements previously recited in claim 2. Claim 2 is cancelled. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1 and 3 are pending and are allowable for at least the reasons stated on page 5 of the final Office Action. Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests allowance of claims 1 and 3.

CONCLUSION

After entry of the amendments, claims 1 and 3 are pending in the application. The Office Action rejection is believed to be traversed by the present response. Claims 1 and 3 should now be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record at (404) 745-2520 if such contact will facilitate a Notice of Allowance. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

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